

Minimum Progression Standards

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I. REASON FOR THIS POLICY

This policy and its procedures implement SDBOR Policy 2:10(C.4) and Minimum Progression Standards.

II. STATEMENT OF POLICY

Minimum progression standards and related actions are based on the student’s cumulative grade point average and system term grade point average. SDBOR 2:10(C.4.1)

Good Academic Standing: A student who meets or exceeds the cumulative grade point average requirements listed below is considered to be in good academic standing. The required GPAs are based on class level. Students who have taken more credit hours are expected to meet a higher GPA standard. SDBOR 2:10(C.4.1.1)

Class	Credit Hour Range	GPA Standard
Freshman	0-29.99	1.8
Sophomore	30-59.99	1.8
Junior	60-89.99	2.0
Senior	90+	2.0

Academic Probation: If a student’s cumulative grade point average falls below the GPA standard for his/her designated class rank as listed in Section 4.1.1 in any academic term (i.e. fall, spring, summer), the student is placed on academic probation for the following term. SDBOR 2:10(C.4.1.2)

While on academic probation the student must earn a system term grade point average that meets or exceeds the GPA standard required for their class level. SDBOR 2:10(C.4.1.2.1)

When a student on academic probation achieves a cumulative grade point average that meets or exceeds the GPA standard for his/her class level, the student is returned to good academic standing. SDBOR 2:10(C.4.1.2.2)

Academic Suspension: A student on academic probation who fails to maintain a term grade point average that meets or exceeds the GPA standard required for his/her class level is placed on academic suspension for a minimum of two academic terms. SDBOR 2.10(C.4.1.3)

A student on academic suspension will not be allowed to enroll for any coursework at any Regental university except when an appeal has been approved by the Regental university from which the student is pursuing a degree. An approved appeal granted by one Regental university will be honored by all Regental universities. (Also refer to BOR Policy 2:3, Section C.9.7. Students on Probation/Suspension.) SDBOR 2.10(C.4.1.3.1)

Only Academic Suspension will be entered on the student's transcript. Academic probation will be noted in the internal academic record only. SDBOR 2.10(C.4.1.3.2)

Exclusion

Grades of S, U, RI, RS, RU, W, WD, WW, AU, I, IP, SP, EX, CR, TR, and NR are excluded from GPA calculations. SDBOR 2:10(C.1)

Students enrolling in the Regental system for the first time with prior credit, including internal and external transfer students and dual credit students, shall not be placed on probation by their designated home institution until they have been enrolled at a Regental university for one (1) academic term. SDBOR 2.10(C.4.2)

Any exclusion not mentioned above are to be approved by the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs or their designee.

III. DEFINITIONS

Academic Probation. A student's grade point falls below acceptable standards but is still enrolled in classed.

Academic Suspension. A student fails to maintain minimum academic standards, removed from all future coursework, and not allowed to re-enroll until approved to do so.

Cumulative GPA. A student's average academic performance over time based on all credits earned (transfer credit plus system credit).

Good Academic Standing. Students with cumulative GPA of 1.8 or 2.0 or greater are in good academic standing.

GPA. Grade point average.

IV. PROCEDURES

Calculating GPA.

- Cumulative GPA shall be based on all college level courses at the 100 level or above transferred or attempted whether at DSU or another accredited post-secondary institution.
- Grades of A, B, C, D, F, or WFL shall be used for purposes of calculating GPA.

- Each grade is worth a specific number of honor points: A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1 and F or WFL=0.
- The number of honor points earned for each class shall be computed by multiplying the points given for the letter grade by the hours of credit in the course.
- The total number of honor points earned shall be divided by the total number of credit hours attempted (includes only those classes in which grades of A, B, C, D, or F were earned).
- The result shall be the cumulative grade point average.

Academic Probation

- The University shall place a student on academic probation whose cumulative GPA falls below 1.8 or 2.0 during the first term (i.e., fall, spring or summer) of enrollment.
- The University may continue the probation if, at the end of the second term, a student's cumulative GPA remains below 1.8 or 2.0 but the term GPA is 1.8 or 2.0 or greater.

Academic Suspension

- The University shall place a student on academic suspension for a minimum of two terms if, at the end of the second term, the term GPA is less than 1.8 or 2.0.
- Students on academic suspension shall not be allowed to register for any coursework unless their suspension has been reversed by the Student Admissions Committee.
- The Director of Admissions shall determine the admissibility of students who do not meet regular admissions standards and set any special requirements for the readmission of students in academic suspension.
- Students admitted conditionally under this procedure will be given two terms to move to good academic standing.
- If, at the end of the second term, the student's cumulative GPA remains below 1.8 or 2.0 but the term GPA is above 1.8 or 2.0, the University may allow the student to re-enroll on probationary status.
- If, at the end of the second term, the student's cumulative GPA remains below 1.8 or 2.0 and the term GPA is also below 1.8 or 2.0, the University shall place the student on academic suspension.

V. RELATED DOCUMENTS, FORMS AND TOOLS

SD BOR Policy 2.10, Section 4 Minimum Progression Standards
